

World Environment Day 2020

Time for Nature



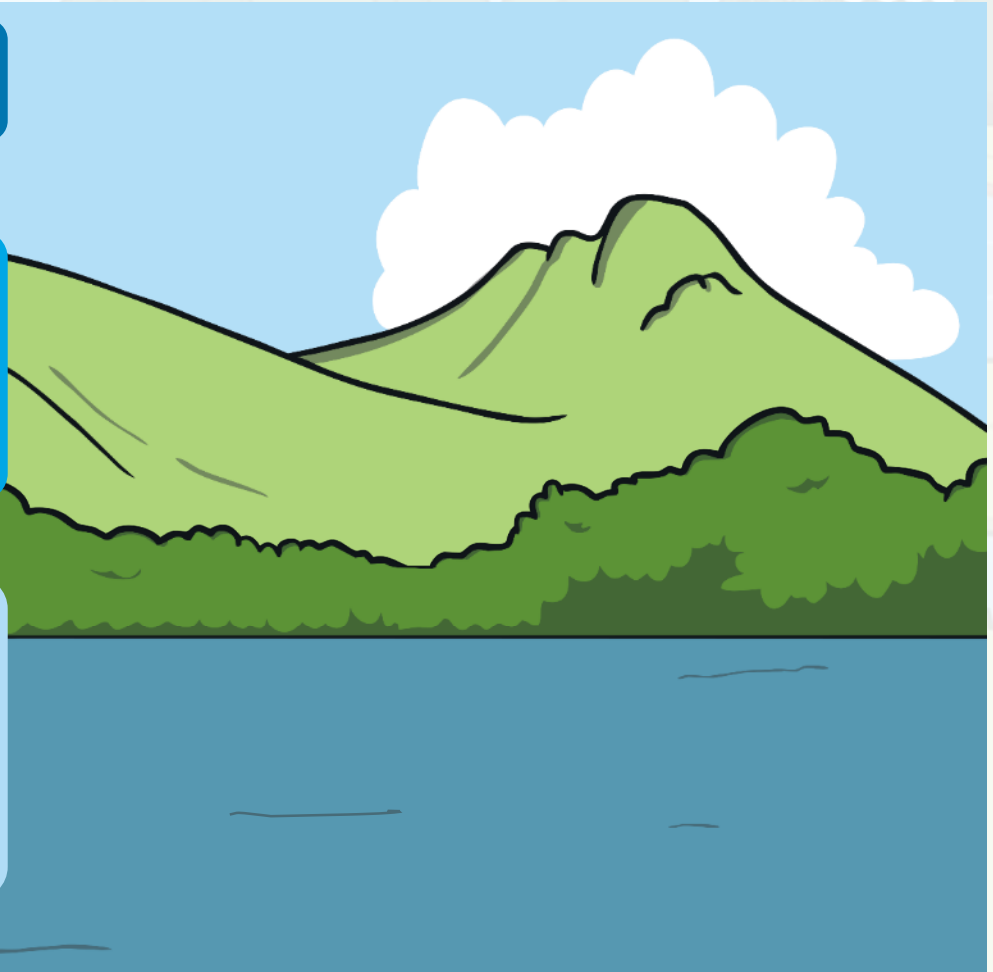
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The Environment

What is the environment?

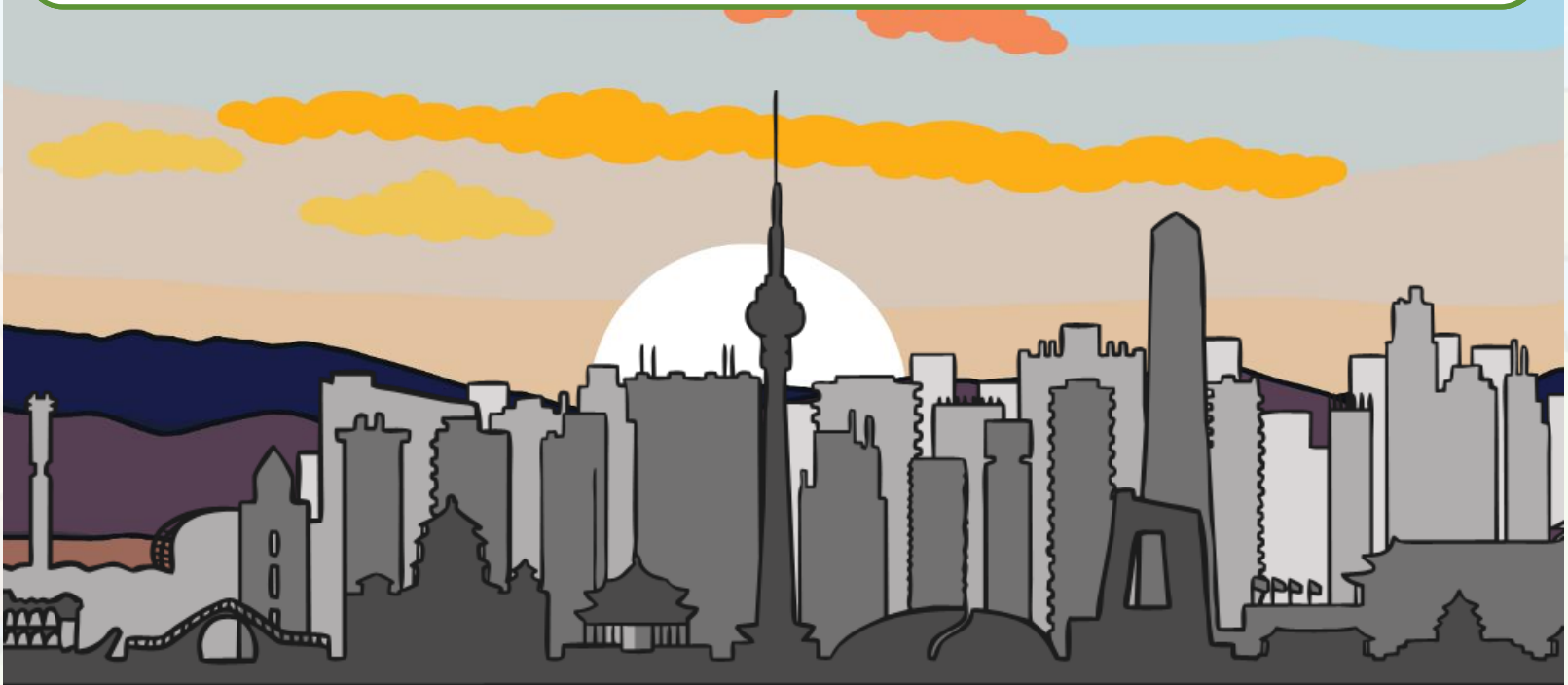
The environment is the natural surroundings which we and all living creatures live in.

Different creatures live in different habitats and they all rely on their environment in order to survive.



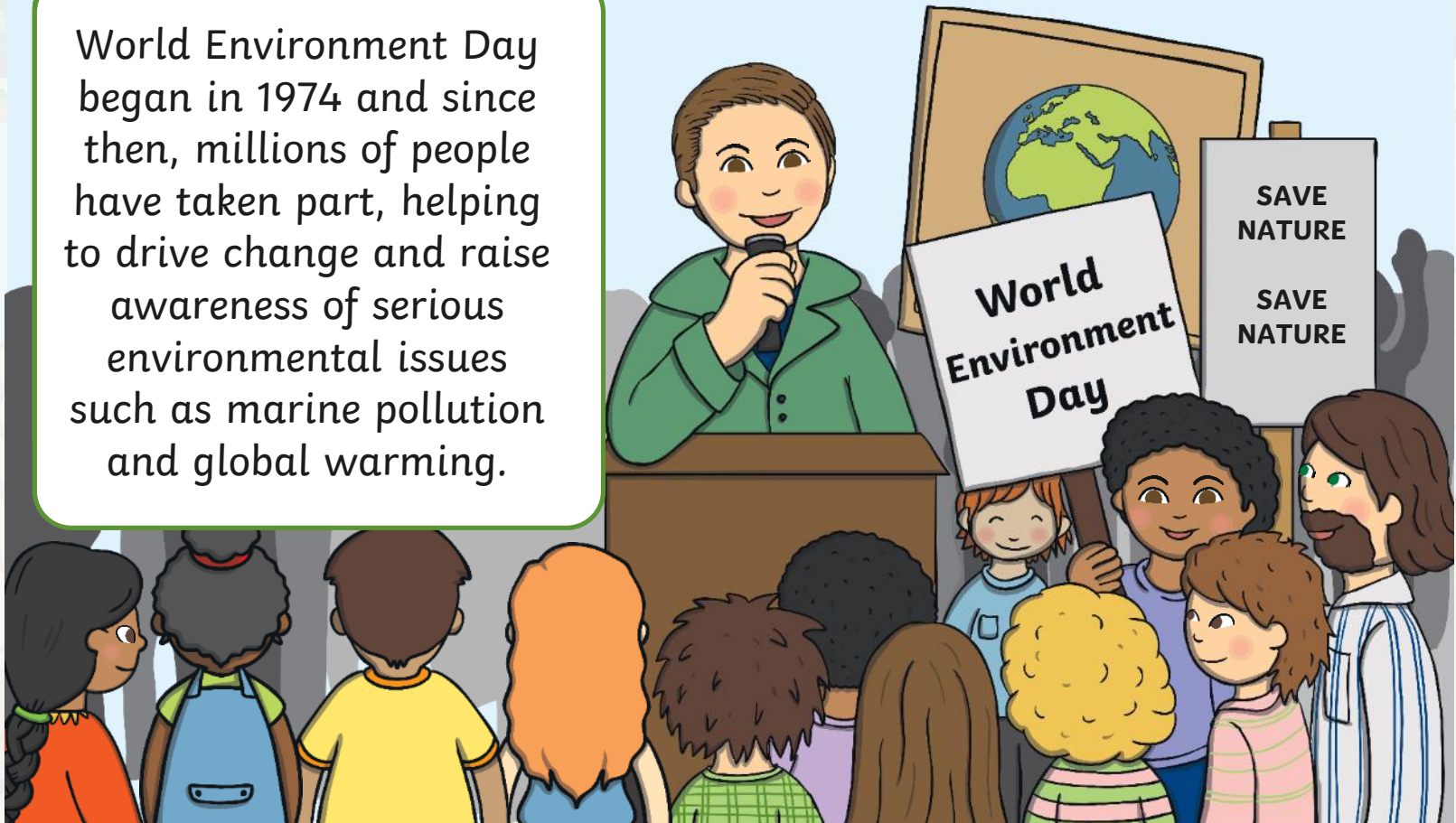
World Environment Day

This year, people will be celebrating and connecting digitally across the world.



World Environment Day

World Environment Day began in 1974 and since then, millions of people have taken part, helping to drive change and raise awareness of serious environmental issues such as marine pollution and global warming.



Time for Nature

“The foods we eat, the air we breathe, the water we drink and the climate that makes our planet habitable all come from nature.

Yet, these are exceptional times in which nature is sending us a message: To care for ourselves we must care for nature.

It's time to wake up. To take notice. To raise our voices.
It's time to build back better for People and Planet.



This World Environment Day, it's Time for Nature.”

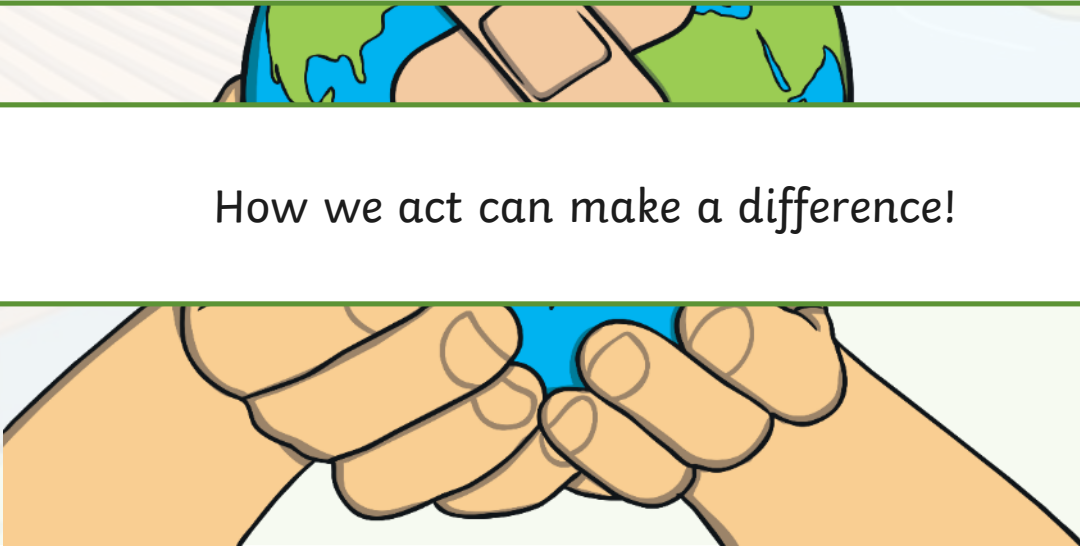
Words taken from the [World Environment Day](https://www.un.org/en/world-environment-day/) official website

It's Time for Nature

To restore and sustain a healthy planet,
we must try to reverse biodiversity loss.

It is time to rethink our relationship with nature
and to put nature at the heart of our decision-making.

How we act can make a difference!



What Can We Do?

Each one of us has a role to play in reducing biodiversity loss and protecting nature.

We can:

LEARN about what we can do;

SHARE knowledge with our family and friends about World Environment Day and beyond;

ACT on the things we need to change.



Learn

Here are some ideas for how you can **LEARN** about protecting nature:

- Find out what your town or city and government is doing to protect the Environment.
- Join [Earth School](#) and take part in lessons about the environment with some of the best nature teachers in the world.
- Look at the World Wildlife Fund's primary level educational resources about biodiversity [here](#).
- Visit the IUCN's #NatureforAll [Discovery Zone](#) which includes videos and comic books.



Share

Here are some ideas for how you can **SHARE** the message on World Environment Day:

- Find the Earth School lesson you love the most and share it with your family and friends.
- Use art as a way to spread the message. For example, create a painting for a competition or exhibition.
- Join the CITIES4FORESTS Forest challenge - post an image of you and your class with trees at cities4forests.com/forest-challenge/
- Post videos interviewing your family members about how they are making sure your home is using resources efficiently.



Act

Here are some ideas for how you can **ACT** for nature:

- Travel less – try to limit your travel and walk whenever you can.
- Avoid buying single-use plastics - plastic waste that ends up in nature is often mistaken for food by animals and can cause severe injury or death for many species.
- Recycle as much as you can.
- Explore how you can buy locally made products and food.



'We have a responsibility
to look after our planet.
It is our only home.'
- Dalai Lama





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